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1. An artillery unit with motor vehicles and an infantry unit, motor vehicles were quartered in the PERLEBERG (M 54/T 70) kaserne. Numerous recruits were observed with the latter unit.

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2. Troops wearing red-bordered epaulets and having motor vehicles reappeared recently in the kaserne. The kaserne area was expanded by about 715 square yards. The kaserne fence was moved to the track of the secondary railroad line.

Comment:

a. About 150 troops with full pack and some wearing tank insignia arrived in the PERLEBERG area aboard the express train from SCHWERIN (M 54/T 46) and moved into the kaserne on 11 September 1949.

b. A shipment of about 80 recruits, carrying full pack and rifle, arrived in PERLEBERG on 21 September 1949, coming from the direction of WITTENBERGE. The recruits were accompanied by about 10 artillery NCOs.

c. It was learned in August 1949 that two groups of 50 soldiers each had left the PERLEBERG kaserne on 15 and 30 July 1949 to go on furlough in the Soviet Union. The furlough allegedly lasted four weeks, including 14 days of travel time.

Comment:

a. According to numerous previous reports, the 58th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div is stationed in PERLEBERG. The regiment went to the WITTSTOCK-SCHWEINRICH training area for summer maneuvers in early July 1949. The report does not clearly indicate whether the regiment was back at its military post by mid-October 1949.

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b. [] reportedly belonging to an artillery unit [] of the GHQ units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany. However, it is not improbable [] assigned to MVD troops.

c. A previous report stated that a tank unit was to be transferred from PARCHIM to PERLEBERG. * The execution of such transfer may be indicated by the following observations:

(1) Troops with red-bordered epaulets and motor vehicles [] recently appeared in PERLEBERG.

(2) A Hundred and fifty troops wearing tank insignia arrived in PERLEBERG from the direction of SCHWERIN (advance detail?)

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